

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Roosevelt Bryant, #101328,	)	
	)	C/A No. 9:07-3472-MBS
Petitioner,	)	
	)	
vs.	)	
	)	<b>ORDER</b>
Warden Stan Burtt,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	
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Petitioner Roosevelt Bryant is an inmate in custody of the South Carolina Department of Corrections. He currently is housed at Leiber Correctional Institution in Ridgeville, South Carolina. On October 17, 2007, Petitioner, appearing *pro se*, filed the within petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254.

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) and Local Rule 73.02, D.S.C., this matter was referred to United States Magistrate Judge George C. Kosko for pretrial handling. The Magistrate Judge reviewed the petition pursuant to the provisions of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Proceedings for the United States District Court, the Anti-Terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996, and applicable precedents. The Magistrate Judge filed a Report and Recommendation on November 2, 2007. The Magistrate Judge noted that the within petition constitutes Petitioner's second federal habeas corpus action, the first having been filed in 2001. See Bryant v. Rushton, C/A No. 9:01-3598-MBS. The Magistrate Judge recommended the petition be dismissed because Petitioner failed to obtain permission from the Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit to file a successive habeas corpus petition. See 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3) & (4); Rule 9 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Proceedings.

The Magistrate Judge makes only a recommendation to this court. The recommendation has

no presumptive weight. The responsibility for making a final determination remains with this court. Mathews v. Weber, 423 U.S. 261, 270 (1976). The court may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the recommendation made by the Magistrate Judge or may recommit the matter to the Magistrate Judge with instructions. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). The district court is obligated to conduct a *de novo* review of every portion of the Magistrate Judge's report to which objections have been filed. Id. The district court need not conduct a *de novo* review when a party makes only general and conclusory objections that do not direct the court to a specific error in the Magistrate Judge's proposed findings and recommendations. Orpiano v. Johnson, 687 F.2d 44, 47-48 (4th Cir. 1982).

Petitioner filed an objection to the Report and Recommendation on November 19, 2007, in which he continued to assert grounds for habeas relief. Petitioner failed, however, to direct the court's attention to a specific error in the Magistrate Judge's proposed findings and recommendations. Nevertheless, the court has conducted a *de novo* review of the petition and concludes that the Magistrate Judge has properly applied the applicable law.

The court adopts the Report and Recommendation of the Magistrate Judge and incorporates it herein by reference. The petition is dismissed *without prejudice* as a successive § 2254 petition. Respondent is not required to file a return.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

/s/ Margaret B. Seymour  
United States District Judge

Columbia, South Carolina  
January 14, 2007.

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL**

**Petitioner is hereby notified that he has the right to appeal this order pursuant to Rules 3 and 4 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure.**